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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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search terms: heparanase, carbazole, methylene blue, tetrazolium

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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